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IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Indian Environmental System is vulnerable to natural disaster;

(b) Whether the amount sanctioned under UNDP/GEF Budget is increasing continuously for the last several years;

(c) If so, the details of the funds received during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) The measures being taken by the Government to minimize the effect of natural disasters on the environment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISITRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIAN MEENA)

(a) The environment in general is vulnerable to natural disasters.

(b) The sanctioned budget of UNDP/GEF has been increasing since 2003.

(c) The amount sanctioned under UNDP/GEF budget for last three years including the current year (2003, 2004 and 2005) is as given below:

Year	Amount Sanctioned (In USD)
2003	21,98,696
2004	26,63,685
2005	57,57,632

(d) The important measures taken by the Government inter-alia are:-

(i) Regulatory framework for ensuring environmental safeguards for minimizing loss to life and property.

(ii) Shelter Belt Plantations.

(iii) Afforestation Measures.

(iv) Coral and Mangrove Conservation.

(v) Early Warning System.

(vi) Forest Protection.

(vii) Land Use Planning.